

## National Library Week

National Library Week (April 3 - 9, 2022) is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

The theme for National Library Week 2022, "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes—in addition to books. Most importantly libraries also connect communities to each other. Overall, the theme is an explicit call to action—an invitation for communities to join, visit, or advocate for their local libraries.

For more info about National Library Week and ideas about promoting it in your community, check out <http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>

## Statewide Job Fair during National Library Week

KDLA has partnered with the Lexington Public Library to initiate a statewide Job Fair during National Library Week, April 3-9. We are inviting libraries across the Commonwealth to join in! Hilary Writt, KDLA's Workforce and Adult Services Consultant, and Lori Davis, Workforce Development Manager at LPL, will coordinate logistics of communicating with public libraries about the statewide Job Fair.

Libraries are free to design their Job Fair any way they'd like (in-person, virtual, kits, some other combination). The goals of the initiative are to connect job seekers with high-demand, high wage open positions throughout the Commonwealth and to further highlight public libraries as vital partners in the Kentucky workforce ecosystem.

Libraries will be asked for information about planned job fairs, number of attendees, number of employers, and other information to gauge the success of this initiative. If you would, please identify a contact person at your library for outreach purposes. We're hoping for 100% public library participation!

Please direct questions to Hilary Writt [hilary.writt@ky.gov](mailto:hilary.writt@ky.gov) 502-564-1719 or Lori Davis [ldavis@lexpublib.org](mailto:ldavis@lexpublib.org) 859-231-5537. If your library plans to participate, please let Hilary or Lori know by March 14.

## United for Libraries: Trustee Resources for Program and Material Challenges

United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association focused on Trustees, Friends, Library foundations, and other library supporters, has a webpage full of resources to help libraries and their governing boards and supporters to address challenges to programming and collections. The resources include archived and upcoming webinars, articles, tip sheets, sample policies, and more. Many of them are free for anyone to access. If you're a member of the organization, there are even more resources.

United for libraries is full of great information for trustees on all kinds of different topics, but the Fighting Censorship page can be found at <https://www.ala.org/united/advocacy/challenges>.